



Coming Up

We return to school on Monday 23rd February.

Tuesday 24th February will be French day in and around school. There will be a French themed lunch on this day.

Enjoy your half term break everyone.

Update from the Head

Hello everyone,

What a fantastic half term we have had. I hope everyone has a lovely break next week. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday 23rd February.

This week we have spread awareness of Children's Mental Health Week. The theme has been 'This is My Place', and our aim has been to help children feel that they belong. Y4 made their own maps with landmarks to show where they belong. "I drew home and school because I feel happiest there." Billie Y4.

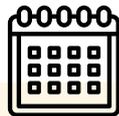
Big thank you to Ava, Skylah and Enya Y6 for their brilliant and thoughtful poetry they shared with us all to spread awareness of Mental Health Week.

Mrs Lilley shared awareness on Internet Safety Day of AI and how information that we come across may not always be reliable.

Have a great half term, Mrs Cooke.



Diary Dates



Dates For Your Calendar

Inset days for academic year 2025-26

- Monday 1st June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

13.02.26 - Break up for Half Term Break

Half Term

23.02.26 - Back to School

24.02.26 - French Day

05.03.26 - World Book Day

09.03.26 - Science Week

20.03.26 - SEND Parent Coffee Morning 9.30am

23.03.26 - Book Fair

27.03.26 - Break Up

Early Years



Nursery have had a lovely last week of term. In Phonics we have been exploring animal sounds, particularly focusing on how they move. In T4W we have finished innovating our story "The Three Little pigs" to "The Three Little Princesses". In Maths we have finished learning about the number 5. During choosing time we have been busy creating our own valentines day cards. Have a lovely half term.

Reception have been so busy learning the last week has flown by! In phonics, the children have been reviewing phase 3 graphemes and continuing to write dictated sentences with support. In Maths, we have been concentrating on exploring length, height and time. In T4W the children have enjoyed retelling the story 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' and thinking of places the Tiger went next.

Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney



Year 1



This week we have been learning how to print in our art lessons. We have been introduced to the artist Joan Miro and looking at his paintings to inspire us. We have linked this to our learning in history and have made a printing block of a dinosaurs foot before printing a pattern with them. The children made some amazing patterns and are now professional printers!

In writing, we have been looking at the poem 'Slowly' by James Reeves. We had a look at different nouns that might move slowly before doing the opposite and changing the poem to 'Quickly'! The children had some amazing ideas for both and tried really hard with their writing.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

Our PE days next half term will be Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Howe



Year 2



This week year 2 have been finishing their tourist information booklet for Pontefract Castle. The children were able to use their knowledge they gained from our trip to add lots of interesting facts.

In PE, we have been completing our gymnastics unit. The children all worked really hard to demonstrate the skills they have been learning over this term in order to complete their final demonstrations.

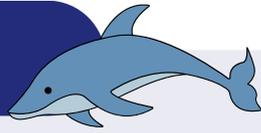
In Reading, we have continued our investigation of the book, The Tear Thief. The children have spent lots of time investigating how adverbs and adjectives have been used by the author in order to enhance the readers' experience.

PE days next half term will be Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit for those days.

Mrs Lilley



Year 3



Year 3 have worked extremely hard on their arithmetic skills this week in maths as well as dividing with remainders. In reading the children have been focusing on summarising the story so far and the character traits of each character in the story.

Also this week, year 3 have worked incredibly hard on their spellings and learning new spelling rules and strategies to help them remember their spellings.

Keep up the fantastic work year 3 I am super proud. Enjoy the half term holidays!

PE after half term will be on Thursday's and Friday's each week.

Mrs Parish



Year 4



A lovely last week in year 4!

This week we have been busy practising our times tables so that we could take part in the DELTA Emile times table competition. We were very pleased with our efforts as we came 5th.

In reading, we have discovered that Edward Tulane has been taken to the dump and left. We are wondering what home he will be in next.

In the afternoon, we have been completing different science experiments looking at melting, evaporation and condensation.

Next half term, our PE days are Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Mrs Cutler



Year 5



What a super week we have had in year 5. This week we have worked hard in reading and we have been discussing impressions of characters and the different settings of the story and how this impacts on character's feelings. In writing we have been working hard on using parenthesis for extra information and looking at recognising imperative verbs. In maths we have done some great work on fractions including mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have also worked hard on our safer internet day activities discussing cyber bullying, keeping safe online and sharing information. We have also worked hard on our children's mental health week activities and recognising the importance of speaking out. Well done year 5. Enjoy the half term break!

PE after the half term break will be on Thursdays and Fridays each week.

Mrs Parish



Year 6



P.E this half term is on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

This week in Maths, the children have began learning about line graphs and dual bar charts and the information that we can learn from using them.

In science this week, we have started our new topic of electricity and have been learning about some of the symbols used in science to show these.

In history this week, the children have been learning about the technological developments resulting from the war and the importance of these.

There is lots of revision opportunities for children to consolidate their Maths knowledge on SATs companion.

Miss Milton



Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority. If you have concerns regarding your child please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Miss C Milton:
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs L Cooke:
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs C Carratt:
Pastoral Officer

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722486

Out of hours contact number:
03458 503503

For more information:
<https://www.elacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

Attendance



Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future.

EYFS		96%
Y1		92%
Y2		96%
Y3		96%
Y4		95%
Y5		92%
Y6		92%



Thrive



Half term is here and a chance for rest and recharge.

The slower mornings, catching up with friends and family is so important for not just our children but for parents and carers too.

Working families have to juggle childcare along with work which can be stressful - and we have to not feel guilty about 'not being present' every school holiday. There are lots of them during the year!

The mornings are slowly starting to be lighter and especially the afternoons until at least 5pm. That is a 'feel good' factor on its own!

Daffodils and snowdrops are starting to appear to give us the sign that lighter brighter (hopefully) days are coming! Can you spot any of the winter birds that are around at the moment?



I matter



Inclusion & SEND



At England Lane Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. There are leaflets available in our Reception area for a fantastic support for our parents and carers



Wakefield Parent Carer Forum

Our Mission - Working together to make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all SEND children and families in Wakefield

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum is an independent parent carer forum supporting families of children with special educational needs and/or disability, aged 0-25 years old, living in the Wakefield district.

The forum is led by a group of local SEND parents who are looking forward to listening to, and representing the views of parents, carers, children and young people now and in the future.

We work in partnership with service commissioners and providers through participation and co-production to make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all SEND children and families in Wakefield.

For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:

- Mrs H Cutler - SENDCo
- Mrs C Carratt - Pastoral Officer
- Miss C Milton - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Mrs L Cooke - Head of Academy & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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